

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,642,515 to Jones et al. ("Jones").

For the reasons set forth below, claims 1-18 are not anticipated by the cited reference. The Examiner is, accordingly, respectfully asked to reconsider and to withdraw the rejection of claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and to allow claims 1-18.

In the present patent application, the claims recite using a command pattern to encapsulate instructions. A command pattern as explained in the specification on page 3, paragraph [0012] is an object-oriented design pattern that describes a pattern for encapsulating instructions and data into a single object, called a command. A command can be passed around to different components of a software application, and then executed as needed. For example, components that receive a command can execute the command without knowledge of the data or the purpose of the command. The command pattern may be applied in a graphical user interface (GUI). For example, an application might request a user to input their address information as first data at a client host.

Jones does not disclose or suggest at least the command pattern to encapsulate instructions, as claimed in independent claims 1, 7 and 13. In the rejection, the Examiner refers to columns 2 and 4 in Jones. However, in this regard, Jones discloses a network server that permits clients on the network to access one or more local resources managed by the network server and one or more remote resources managed by one or more respective remote computers coupled to the network server. When a client desires to access any of the resources, the client first requests a session or log-on to the network server by supplying a valid account name and

password. Either with the session establishment request or subsequently during the same session, the client requests a connection or access to a resource. The client need not know the location of the resource or the computer (remote or network server), which manages the resource. The network server determines which computer manages the requested resource. If the network server manages the resource, then the network server determines if the connection is available or provides the access as requested and responds to the client. Then, if the client subsequently requests a connection with or access to a resource managed by a remote computer, or if the original request was for a resource managed by the remote computer, the network server sends a session establishment request and connect or access request to the remote computer. The client need not send a separate session establishment request for the remote computer. If the remote computer grants the session, then the client can access the resource managed by the remote computer. In Jones, there is no mention of a command pattern that encapsulates instructions as recited in independent Claims 1, 7 and 13.

While the above reasons suffice in overcoming the rejection over Jones, claim 1 is being amended to further set forth that the command pattern is applied in a graphical user interface, in order to further advance the prosecution of the present application. Support in the specification can be found on page 3, paragraph [0012]. Applicants are not conceding by this amendment that the rejections in the Office Action are proper. Rather, applicants reserve the right to prosecute those and other claims in one or more continuing applications. Claims 7 and 13 are similarly amended.

Particularly, Claims 1, 7 and 13 as now amended, recite a method for use by a client host in providing a networked application with a server host, comprising: using a command pattern to encapsulate instructions and first data into a command object; and providing the command object

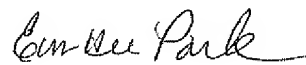
to the server host; wherein the server host executes the instructions in the command object to provide second data, based on the first data, in the command object, and returns the command object with the second data to the client host, and wherein said command pattern is applied in a graphical user interface. Respectfully, no new matter is being entered as full support can be found in the present specification at page 3, paragraph [0012].

Jones does not disclose a "command pattern that is applied in a graphical user interface".

At least for the foregoing reasons, independent claims 1, 7 and 13, and their respective dependent claims 2-6, 8-12 and 14-18 at least by virtue of dependency, are believed to be allowable. The Examiner is, thus, respectfully asked to reconsider and to withdraw the rejection of Claims 1-18 and to allow these claims.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned.

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